

Dkt. No. Y&A-129**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FOAMED ARTICLE OF THERMOPLASTIC RESIN COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING IT

, the specification of which:

(check one) is attached hereto was filed on _____ as
Application Serial No. _____ and
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